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SUBJECT: RELOCATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF AMERICANS

REF: ASMARA 1013; ASMARA 1015

1. ON AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 23, APO, OIC NAVCOMMUNIT AND RSO MET WITH COL TELEHUN, CO OF EPMG FORCES IN ERITREA, CONCERNING RELOCATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF AMERICAN CIVILIANS EMPLOYED AT KAGNEW. TELEHUN WAS IN COMPLETE ACCORD ON RELOCATION OF SINGLE AMERICANS TO SITE NEAR US-PORTION OF TRACT ECHO. HE WAS LESS AGREEABLE TO BARATOLO ESTATE SITE FOR MARRIED EMPLOYEES; HIS OBJECTIONS RELATED PRIMARILY TO SECURITY OF AREA. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION DURING WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE SITE, HE AGREED TO THIS SITE IF HOUSING AUTHORITY CAN MAKE ALL NECESS-  
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ARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AT THIS POINT QUESTION OF SECURITY WAS RAISED. RSO, WHO VISTED BOTH SITES EARLIER IN DAY, DESCRIBED ALL MEASURES FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY (FENCES, FLOODLIGHTING, AND ALARM SYSTEMS) WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED. RSO THEN SAID THAT MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE SECURITY WOULD REQUIRE THE POSTING OF EPMG GUARDS ON BLOCK WHERE MARRIED COUPLES LIVE. TELEHUN BRIDLED, CLAIMING PROVISION OF EVEN MINIMUM OF THREE GUARDS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, AS ALL FOREIGN RESIDENTS WOULD DEMAND EQUAL PROTECTION. HE WAS UNMOVED BY POINT THAT AMERICANS ARE, BECAUSE OF USG ROLE IN ETHIOPIA, NOW SPECIAL TARGETS OF INSURGENTS. HE WOULD AGREE ONLY TO PROVIDING RANDOM MOBILE PATROLS OF AREA. THIS ISSUE WAS LEFT OPEN AS RSO MADE CLEAR MOBILE PATROLS WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE AND APO INDICATED MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO EMBASSY.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT APPROACH AT HIGHER LEVEL IS WARRANTED, AND WITH PRESSURE FROM ADDIS, IT SHOULD BRING DESIRED RESULTS. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MAKE APPROACH TO MOFA AND MOD, IF APPROPRIATE, ON FOLLOWING BASIS: IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND IN REALIZATION OF MUTUAL CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF AMERICANS, WE HAVE AGREED TO RELOCATE ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF KAGNEW NOW LIVING OFF TRACT ECHO; WE HAVE LOCATED TWO SITES AND OBTAINED APPROVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY AND EPMG SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR SITES. ONE SITE (BARATOLO ESTATE), HOWEVER, IS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE BY RSO ONLY IF EPMG UNIFORMED GUARDS ARE PROVIDED. THIS LOCATION IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN ABSOLUTE SECURITY, AND MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR DOD-CONTRACT CIVILIANS, WHO, IF SUCH CONDITIONS ARE LESS THAN ACCEPTABLE ARE LIKELY TO RESIGN, THEREBY IMPAIRING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF KAGNEW FACILITY. EMBASSY SHOULD IMPRESS UPON EPMG THAT IN RSO'S OPINION, ANY SITE NOT ON TRACT ECHO OR ATTACHED TO ECHO, AS SITE FOR SINGLE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE, WOULD REQUIRE EPMG GUARDS. POINT CAN ALSO BE MADE THAT EPMG GUARDS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ON REQUEST TO CONSULATE AND CONSULAR RESIDENCES, AND EPMG AUTHORITIES HAVE COMMITTED 120 COMMANDO POLICE TO SECURITY OF TRACT BRAVO, THEREFORE PROVIDING GUARDS TO RESIDENCES OF KAGNEW EMPLOYEES WOULD BE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF SECURITY COVERAGE.

4. WE VISUALIZE SCENARIO AS FOLLOWS: HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICIAL HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION ON OCCUPANCY  
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OF ALL AHOUSES AT BOTH SITES AT 1000 HOURS DEC. 24; WE ANTICIPATE DAY OR SO DELAY IN CLEARANCE OF ALL OBSTACLES TO LEASING, BUT HOPE SIMULTANEOUSLY TO BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO BEGIN NECESSARY REPAIR OF WINDOWS AND ELECTRICAL FIXTURES (WHICH SHOULD TAKE TOTAL OF TWO TO THREE DAYS); EMBASSY WOULD THEN MAKE APPROACH ON ISSUE OF POSTING EPMG GUARDS TO MOFA; ONE WORKING DAY LATER, APO, OIC AND RSO (IF AVAILABLE) WOULD MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO BG GETACHEW, WHO ALTHOUGH HE HAS PROMISED ALL ASSISTANCE, MAY

NEED PUSH FROM ADDIS; ONCE POSTING OF GUARDS IS AGREED TO, AMERICANS CAN BEGIN OCCUPATION OF CONSOLIDATED RESIDENCES.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS.  
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